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## HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 21, 2021  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the [minutes of the August 3, 2021, meeting](#)

### STUDY OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES AND AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER PROGRAMS

9:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [memorandum](#) summarizing consultant proposals in response to the committee's request for proposal for consultant services related to the study of developmental disabilities services and autism spectrum disorder programs

9:10 a.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of consulting organizations regarding the proposals submitted in response to the committee's request for consultant services related to the study of developmental disabilities services and autism spectrum disorder programs

9:40 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study and the selection of a consultant

9:50 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the study and the selection of a consultant

### STUDY OF EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

10:00 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Human Services (DHS) regarding:

- The process used to update income and asset limits for public assistance programs and the frequency of updates;
- The flexibility of the department to set income and asset limits for programs;
- A comparison of the state's median income and the federal poverty level; and
- An overview of the job opportunities and basic skills program, including number of participants, number of hours logged for various types of work activities, cost, and average number of months individuals participate in the program

10:20 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of Job Service North Dakota regarding jobs available in the state by county, including monthly wage and whether the jobs require specific skills, education, or training

10:40 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of employment restrictions in public assistance programs

### OTHER COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

10:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of DHS of a report pursuant to Section 61 of House Bill No. 1012 (2021) regarding the status of 4-year old program approvals, the North Dakota Early Childhood Council, and the early childhood grant for best in class 4-year old experiences

- 11:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of DHS of a [report](#) pursuant to Section 20 of House Bill No. 1012 regarding refugee resettlement in the state
- 11:25 a.m. Presentation by a representative of DHS of a [report](#) pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 50-29-02 regarding enrollment statistics and costs of the children's health insurance program state plan
- 11:40 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of DHS of information regarding children referred for services through the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment program but who do not receive treatment
- 11:55 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the other responsibilities of the committee
- 12:00 noon Recess

**STUDY OF DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND  
HUMAN SERVICE ZONE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION**

- 1:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of Human Resource Management Services regarding:
- The state employee classification and compensation system;
  - The process of classifying a position; and
  - How equitable compensation among employees is determined
- 1:25 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of DHS regarding:
- Comparisons in compensation levels between DHS employees and human service zone employees;
  - Salary levels of former county social service directors who are now serving in different roles in human service zones; and
  - Salary and benefit adjustments provided to county human service zone employees who transitioned from county to state employment
- 2:00 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of DHS and human service zone employee compensation
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**
- 2:10 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [bill draft](#) relating to the behavioral health bed management system
- 2:15 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the bill draft
- 2:20 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the bill draft
- 2:25 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 2:40 p.m. Adjourn

**A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.legis.nd.gov>.**

**Committee Members**

Senators: Judy Lee (Chairman), Howard C. Anderson, Jr., JoNell A. Bakke, Jason G. Heitkamp, Kathy Hogan, David Hogue

Representatives: Gretchen Dobervich, Clayton Fegley, Dwight Kiefert, Alisa Mitskog, Karen M. Rohr, Matthew Ruby, Mark Sanford, Mary Schneider, Randy A. Schobinger, Kathy Skroch, Michelle Strinden, Greg Westlind

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